

Subject: Re: Spring St Park Incident

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Quick correction: The second guy was arrested on a legacy warrant.

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Hi, Patti. FYI, about 30 min ago two people described to me as "low lifes" and "gangbangers" attacked the guard. They were smoking weed & asked to leave; they didn't like that. LAPD responded & one of them is in cuffs as I write this, but apparently he'll be released with a trespass order because there's no video recording of the area and he intends to press charges against the guard if the guard presses charges against him.

Not an optimal outcome.

A couple of possible changes to consider:

1. Adding another guard. MUCH more money, obviously, but also much safer.
2. Adding security cams. I could try to get one or two added to the El Dorado to point down at the Park, but no guarantee of success since that will cost money. Would also need the Rowan to do the same. Good for evidence (in a limited way), but not much added in terms of deterrence.
3. Establishing a memorandum of agreement with the BID to assist in Park security. I dunno if that's at all practical, Blair, but would like your thoughts. Was thinking if one of your people could hang out there (or even just on the 400 block of Spring) for at least 30 min every hour as a wingman for the guard that would vastly reduce the probability of 2 on 1 incidents like what happened today.

I'm going to ask Chase to change procedures to make rapid response to the Park from the El Dorado (*only available 1200-0300 daily) and the Rowan a priority as well. In any case, this incident makes it clear that some tweaks are needed, which of course is expected for any new process. Bottom line is that a guy alone in there is vulnerable, so we need to think of ways to mitigate that risk.

The guard schema is still a resounding success; we just need to make sure that he's safe. Have a good week!

Nick